

Department of Energy

National Nuclear Security Administration P.O. Box 2001 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

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Dear Citizen:

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (NNSA) Y-12 NATIONAL SECURITY COMPLEX (NSC) FINAL SITE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SWEIS)

Enclosed is a copy of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Final Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Oak Ridge Y-12 National Security Complex (DOE/EIS-0309). The NNSA is responsible for maintaining the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. As one of the major production facilities, the Y-12 National Security Complex (NSC) has been the primary site for enriched uranium processing and storage, and one of the manufacturing facilities for maintaining the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. DOE has prepared the Final Y-12 SWEIS to evaluate alternatives for modernizing Y-12 NSC facilities to ensure its capability to meet future stockpile needs in the post-Cold War era. The Y-12 Final SWEIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with continued operations of the Y-12 NSC, as well as the construction and operation of new facilities.

No sooner than 30 days after the notice of filing with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, DOE expects to issue a Record of Decision.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's activities.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure